

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

132. Suggestions for reforming the Boarding house attached to the Special School at Mavelikara.

Mr. Raja Raja Varma Koil Tampuran (Member, Nominated) said that there was a boarding house attached to the Special School at Mavelikara for the use of the students of the Kshatriya families. Owing to the restriction of the maximum number of boarders to 30, the house could not admit all the Kshatriya students that sought admission. He therefore requested that the maximum should be raised to 50.

The institution was now under the supervision of the Headmaster, who had little or no time to supervise the arrangements. A separate Manager should be appointed for the purpose or an allowance should be given to the Headmaster as an inducement to him to find sufficient time and interest in the work connected with the boarding house.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

133. The need for constructing a new building for the Higher Grade Elementary School at Eraniel.

Mr. P. Krishna Pillai (Member, Eraniel taluk) said that the Higher Grade Elementary School at Eraniel was located in a rickety old building and in an unhealthy quarter of the town. A decent building for the school was a serious want. He added that the Dewan had seen the school on the occasion of his last visit to the taluk and had promised to do the needful in the matter. The Member requested that a building should be constructed to the west of the Lower Grade Secondary School at Eraniel and that the building should accommodate both the primary and the higher classes of the school.

Dewan's reply.—An estimate has been called for from the Chief Engineer for the construction of a building for the Higher Grade Elementary School upon the site proposed by the Member. The recent order of the Government for the partial separation of the Lower Grade classes in the H. G. E. Schools has necessitated a revision of the plan of the new building. The Chief Engineer will be asked to send up the estimate soon.

134. The need for the Establishment of a Lower Grade Secondary School at Colachel.

Mr. N. Kumara Pillai (Member, T. I. C., Colachel) said that the want of a L. G. S. School at Colachel had been represented at the 9th session of the Assembly. The nearest English School was at Eraniel which was 4 to 8 miles from Colachel and its western parts. The people were very keen about giving English education to their children.

Dewan.—Would the people be prepared to start a school themselves? The Government will sanction the grant admissible under the Code.

The Member said in reply that the building for the H. G. E. School at Colachel was constructed out of public subscriptions. In their present condition, it would therefore be difficult for the people to start and conduct a Secondary School themselves. In the Eraniel taluk there were about 80 Elementary Schools, and the boys passing out of them had all to go to the only L. G. S. School at Eraniel, in which there were as many as three divisions in some of the classes. Colachel was further a T. I. C. town and the Member said that there was not another town in the State which was without an English School. There would be about 100 boys in the English School if one was opened at Colachel. He requested the Government to view the prayer of the people of the place in a sympathetic spirit.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.